

## Message Text

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ACTION AID-59

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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3977

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2224

DEPT ALSO PASS AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID LE

SUBJ: HOUSING GRANT AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 082714, (B) BEIRUT 1809, (C) STATE 099433

1. RE REF C, LEBANESE OBJECTION TO SECTION ELEVEN IS NOT TO SUBSTANCE, BUT TO TONE WHICH GOL REGARDS AS PATRONIZING INTRUSION ON GOL PREROGATIVES. GOL OFFICIALS HAVE ASSURED US THAT USG WILL NOT BE PREVENTED FROM HAVING ACCESS TO NECESSARY RECORDS OR FROM MAKING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS.

2. INDEED, GOL OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT SUB-SECTIONS A AND C GUARANTEE THAT USG WILL BE GIVEN ACCESS TO NECESSARY INFORMATION. ON MAY 10, GOL HOUSING ADVISOR MARWAN MOHSEN REPEATED THAT GOL WOULD ACCEPT SUB-SECTIONS A AND C OF SECTION ELEVEN AS WRITTEN. HE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING SENTENCE AS ALTERNATIVE FOR PRESENT SUB-SECTION B: "THE GOVERNMENT WILL AUTHORIZE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AID TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE RECORDS WHICH ARE REFERRED TO IN SUB-SECTION A."

3. WHEN ASKED WHY GOL OBJECTED TO SOME PROVISION IN SUB-SECTION B FOR ON-SITE INSPECTION, MOHSEN ALSO REPEATED THAT IT WAS MATTER OF FORM NOT SUBSTANCE. HE SAID GOL WOULD  
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ALLOW ANYONE, USG OFFICIAL OR NOT, TO VISIT SITES. WHEN MINISTER OF HOUSING, HOWEVER, HAD FIRST SEEN SECOND SENTENCE SUB-SECTION B, HE HAD EXPLODED "WHAT DO THEY WANT TO DO, RUN EVERYTHING?"

4. IN VIEW MOHSEN'S EXPLANATIONS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THIS MODIFICATION BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE CABLE AID/W'S COMMENTS AS

QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, PLEASE OBTAIN ANSWERS QUESTIONS  
RAISED REF B IMMEDIATELY. MOST APPEAR ROUTINE IN NATURE,  
BUT WE MUST HAVE ANSWERS.  
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